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SUBJ: CONTINUING ARRIVALS COMMERCIAL PURCHASE GRAINS
AT ZONE FRANCHE MALIENNE.

1. THE CONTINUING ARRIVAL COMMERCIAL PURCHASE GRAIN FOR MALI AT DAKAR PORT IS HAVING DETRIMENTAL EFFECT ON ALL AFFORTS BY FFP/OTHER DONORS TO REDUCE BACKLOG AT MALIAN ZONE. TWO WEEKS AGO, THIS HAD BEEN REDUCED TO 38,000 MT (OF A TONNAGE WHICH ONCE CRESTED AT OVER 90,000 MT), WHEN A PREVIOUSLY UNNANNOUNCED SHIPMENT OF COMMERCIALY PURCHASED RICE INCREASED TOTAL TO 43,800. A WEEK LATER, DISPATCHES HAD BROUGHT THIS BACK TO 41,000 MT.

2. HOWEVER, ON SEP 2, CHICOM VESSEL JIANG MEN DOCKED DAKAR WITH 3,035 MT. COMMERCIAL PURCHASE CORN FOR MALIAN ARMY.

NEWS WAS ALSO RECEIVED 30 AUG OF UNCONFIRMED PURCHASE 6,000MT RICE REPORTEDLY DUE DAKAR IMMINENTLY.

3. THIS, IF CORRECT MAKES LITTLE SENSE VIEW AN INCREASINGLY AGED AND DECREPIT RAILWAY'S INABILITY TO HANDLE DISPATCHES OF
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MORE THAN 12,000 MT. FOOD GRAINS MONTHLY, PARTICULARLY IN

CONTEXT OF NEED TO REDUCE ALREADY EXISTING BACKLOG OF
COMMERCIAL GRAIN/OTHER DONOR FOOD STILL AWAITING
EVACUATION. FULFILMENT THIS NEED CRUCIAL TO PRESERVATION
OF FOOD AND TO SUCCESS OF EFFORTS TO PREVENT SPOILAGE/
INFESTATION. THIS BACKLOG.

4. WOULD APPRECIATE BAMAKO/WASHINGTON EFFORTS TO PREVENT/LIMIT
INCIDENCE FURTHER COMMERCIAL PURCHASE GRAIN SHIPMENTS UNTIL
CURRENT STOCKS FOR MALI HAVE BEEN SUBSTANTIALLY REDUCED
OVER ACTUAL LEVELS.

5. FYI, LAST GIFT FOOD SHIPMENT WAS ABOARD VAL ROSAL,
WHICH ARRIVED DAKAR THIRD WEEK OF MAY, FROM UK.
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